

## Senate Resolution 976

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Wiles of the 37th and Stephens of the 27th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ryan Ernstes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ryan Ernstes, an eighth grader at The Walker School, has made it her mission  
3 to help others like herself born with cleft deformities; and

4 WHEREAS, this awe-inspiring young lady organized a five-kilometer race, the "Hot Lips  
5 Hustle," that raised \$4,500 to pay for reconstructive surgery for 18 needy children with cleft  
6 lips or palates; and

7 WHEREAS, after deciding upon a 5K run, Ryan secured a race date and location; recruited  
8 sponsors and volunteers; promoted the event; gathered supplies; printed T-shirts; ordered  
9 trophies; and purchased food for the race; and

10 WHEREAS, with 225 registered runners, the race, which Ryan hopes to make an annual  
11 event, was a great success, generating thousands of dollars for The Smile Train, a nonprofit  
12 organization that provides training and funding to doctors around the world to perform cleft  
13 surgery at no charge for needy children; and

14 WHEREAS, Ryan believes that "the most rewarding thing you can do is help others, even  
15 those who you do not know"; and

16 WHEREAS, it is dedicated young people like Ryan Ernstes who are teaching the rest of us  
17 about fulfilling our social and moral responsibility; and

18 WHEREAS, this wonderful individual is a shining example of how there is no pursuit too  
19 small and nothing too big that cannot be accomplished and is not worth accomplishing; and

1 WHEREAS, because of Ryan and the efforts she is making, this world is a better place in  
2 which to live; and therefore it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
3 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize and commend Ryan Ernstes for her significant contribution and service as a  
6 community leader and outstanding citizen for Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ryan Ernstes.